



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Freeway festival draws thousands

Wow—What a party! An estimated 20,000 community members turned out for a sneak peek of Route 210 on June 23 in San Bernardino and Rialto.

The **“Come Play on the Freeway: The Finale!”** celebration gave visitors a chance to run, walk, cycle, admire classic cars, race remote-controlled cars, play basketball, climb a rock wall, listen to live music, view exhibits and eat, eat, eat right on the freeway lanes that will open to drivers very soon.



Thousands of community members enjoyed a day in the sun during the Route 210 “Come Play on the Freeway” celebration in San Bernardino and Rialto on June 23.

Close to 800 athletes raced in 5K and 10K events, took part in 5-mile and 10-mile bike rides and toddled along the Munchkin Half-Miler course. Close to 200 classic cars were on display, sporting shiny paint jobs and lots of chrome. Proceeds from these events will be donated to the American Cancer Society and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rialto and San Bernardino.



Elected representatives and transportation officials conducted a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and dedication of this section of freeway to the late Congressman George E. Brown, Jr., who is the longest-serving member in the House of Representatives or Senate in California’s history.

The big news of the day, however, came when SANBAG Executive Director Tony Grasso pledged to have the new freeway open to drivers before the end of the summer.

“I absolutely cannot wait!” said Rialto resident Ernestine Rivera, a daily commuter to Upland.



Route 210 to open by end of summer

Talk about a cure for the summertime blues! SANBAG has announced that the last stretch of Route 210 through Rialto and San Bernardino will open before the end of summer.

The announcement, made by SANBAG Executive Director Tony Grasso during the “Come Play on the Freeway” event on June 23, was greeted by cheers and big grins from eager drivers.

Construction has been underway on this section of freeway since 2003, and transportation officials have promised to open the facility before the end of 2007.

Crews are continuing to install freeway signs, make electrical connections, complete the median barrier and stripe lanes. On the west end, lanes between Alder Avenue in Rialto and Citrus Avenue in Fontana need be re-striped, and the north-bound Sierra Avenue on-ramp to east-bound Route 210 needs to be finished. A sound wall near Sierra Avenue also remains under construction.

Stay tuned for the official opening date!

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